



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5914

LCO No. 2834

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
(TRA)

AN ACT CONCERNING CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Subsection (d) of section 14-100a of the general statutes is repealed
2 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (d) Any person who transports a child under the age of four years,
4 weighing less than forty pounds, in a motor vehicle on the highways of
5 this state shall provide and require the child to use a child restraint
6 system approved pursuant to regulations adopted by the Department
7 of Motor Vehicles in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. Any
8 person who transports a child under the age of four years, weighing
9 forty or more pounds, in a motor vehicle on the highways of this state
10 shall either provide and require the child to use an approved child
11 restraint system or require the child to use a seat safety belt. Any
12 person who transports a child under the age of four years in a motor
13 vehicle on the highways of this state shall require the child to sit in the
14 back seat of the vehicle unless the vehicle does not have a back seat. As
15 used in this subsection, "motor vehicle" does not mean a bus having a
16 tonnage rating of one ton or more. Failure to use a child restraint
17 system shall not be considered as contributory negligence nor shall

18 such failure be admissible evidence in any civil action. Any person
19 who violates the provisions of this subsection shall, for a first violation,
20 have committed an infraction; for a second violation, be fined not more
21 than one hundred ninety-nine dollars; and, for a third or subsequent
22 violation, be guilty of a class A misdemeanor. The commissioner shall
23 require any person who has committed a first or second violation of
24 the provisions of this subsection to attend a child car seat safety course
25 offered or approved by the Department of Motor Vehicles. The
26 commissioner may, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing,
27 suspend for a period of not more than two months the motor vehicle
28 operator's license of any person who fails to attend or successfully
29 complete the course.

Statement of Purpose:

To reduce the potential for injuries that are caused by air bags to children under the age of four.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]